

you may have had full information about
it long since.

I saw August a week since
on his way to North Carolina and was
very sorry that duties here prevented me
from joining him.

Sincerely Yours,

Wm. May

I sympathize myself and pity you
that you are deep in debt. It is a
long way to the bottom of that genus.

I have now about 1200 species laid
out for Mr. Chessman and shall add
some 4-500 more - and hope to send all
off in a couple of weeks.

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Dear Dr. May

I have had your
note for a day or two and this
afternoon the package of plants came
along in first rate order. As you
say, the specimens are really very
fine, great care having been evidently
taken to make them so and in
addition the species are unusually
completely represented. I am sincerely
obliged to you for them and value
them very highly. The many dupli-
cates will go where they will be ap-
preciated.

I shall be very glad to
do anything that I can to serve
you and the Bot. Gard. St. Petersburg
at the same time. For two or three ~~times~~

month - yet I shall be very busy putting
my specimens in order for the press-
ing down. By that time I shall, I
hope, have finished my American ~~coll~~
collection. After that I shall take things
a little more easily, arranging the plants
from other countries, at such times as
may suit me and always making them
find way, if domestic specimens come
in, or if I want to make up collections
for others. Now at that time I could
well put out a large collection of
our plants, other than those you men-
tion as having been purchased by the
St. Petersburg Bot. Gard. But I should
suppose them pretty well supplied with
our plants, ranging from North Carolina
to the Mississippi and northward to Can-
ada. If not I should be glad to
lay out such nice specimens as I
might have now or could hereafter
procure. Please let me know if this

suits your views.

There was a pleasant little com-
pany at Martindale's on Thursday eve-
ning - Perry, Redfield, &c.,.

Thanks for your good wishes.
We are all well and glad to hear
that you are the same. But we
are a good deal heart sick about our
little boy who does not improve and
I fear never will - and much sadden-
ed by the death of an aunt of
Mrs. Canby's who has been all that a
mother could have been to her since she
was six years old.

I sent Mr. Loring a paper
some time since containing an account
of a proposed new road between Phila-
delphia & Balt. knowing that you and Mr. Tracy
had been interested in the present one.
The matter has taken such definite
shape that I have sold the little stock
I held in the Phila. Mil. & Balt. R.R., But